

Amendment No. 1 to SB0029

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Signature of Sponsor

**AMEND Senate Bill No. 29\***

**House Bill No. 105**

by deleting all language after the enacting clause and substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-50-107, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

(d)

(1) Notwithstanding any law, private act, charter, resolution, or ordinance to the contrary, a local government shall not dismiss, discipline, fine, or penalize a first responder employed by a local government, or deny employment to a person applying to be a first responder, based on where the first responder or person applying to be a first responder resides.

(2) As used in this subsection (d):

(A) "First responder" means paid, full-time law enforcement officers, firefighters, emergency medical personnel, and dispatchers of law enforcement, fire, and emergency medical service departments. "First responder" does not mean the chief or head of the department; and

(B) "Local government" means any county, metropolitan government, municipality, or other political subdivision of this state.

(3) This subsection (d) does not affect a local agency's policies:

(A) Regarding the use of a department vehicle while not on duty;

or

(B) That require responses by employees who, based upon their assignment, are required to respond to an emergency or call out within a specific time period.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.